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DOING GREATER DAMAGE.

The Rise in the Ohio River Unprecedented—A General Inundation.

The City of Pomeroy Under Water—Parkersburg, W. Va., Afflato.

People Rendered Homeless and Homeless in Hundreds of Localities.

The Ice Gorge at Port Deposit—Scenes Around Wheeling—Great Losses.

A CITY UNDER WATER.

POMEROY, Feb. 8.—Our city is completely under water, and the entire people have been compelled to seek safety on the hills. The waters of the Ohio have reached a point higher than has been known before, and are still rising. The people are filled with apprehension, and the most serious results are anticipated. The weather is cold, and the ice is much suffering, especially among the poorer classes. So suddenly did the waters come upon the town business men had no time to move goods to a place of safety. Twenty-eight salt works are under water, entailing a loss of 100,000 barrels of salt. The rolling mills are closed, and all other business is entirely suspended. Similar reports come from points all along the river. The Journal and other newspaper buildings have been washed out. No mails have been received.

THE FLOOD AT PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 8.—The flood in the Monongahela river reached the highest point, twenty-eight feet, at 3 o'clock this morning, and soon after began to recede. Owing to the cold weather, which shut off the small streams, the water did not get as high as anticipated by several feet. The damage here is almost wholly from inundation, but the loss from the falling water is considerable. All the mills along both rivers are submerged, and operations suspended. Many stores in the lower portions of the city are under water, and hundreds of families on the south side and in Allegheny have been compelled to leave their homes until the flood subsides. Reports from towns along the Monongahela report great damage from inundation. The water at all points is subsiding, and no more danger is apprehended.

At 10 o'clock to-night the rivers were steadily receding, with twenty-four feet of water in the Monongahela, and about the same in the Allegheny. The bottom lands are still submerged, but at the rate the waters are falling the rivers will be within their banks by morning. The damage by the inundation in this vicinity will reach \$100,000, while a like amount will be required to cover the loss up the Monongahela valley.

WATKINS-RANK, Pa., Feb. 8.—The water is gradually falling and travel has been resumed between here and Kingston. The ice is firm from here to Naticoke.

THE OHIO RIVER RISING.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—The Ohio river is rising along its entire length. It is almost an unprecedented case. At Wheeling it is thirty feet and is still rising. Boats cannot pass under the bridge. Marietta is flooded more than ever. The railway track between Marietta and Belvoir is six feet under water. A Times-Star special says "Cincinnati is already flooded, and more damage is expected on account of the great rise in the Sandy river. At Portsmouth the river is fifty-five feet, and is still rising. A considerable portion of the city is under water. The Scioto river is also rising, and the railway track, North Portsmouth, is under water. The river there continues to rise, being 52 feet 8 inches at 1 o'clock. Newport, Ky., suffers most at present. Many houses are already invaded by water, and the people are moving out. The Anchor Iron Works, the New York and Erie, and the pipe foundry, and the greater part of Swift's rolling mill have been compelled to suspend business. Merchants along the river front of this city are busy removing their goods from the city. The river is further damage to coal barges has occurred. As yet no railways have been submerged, but they will be to-morrow if the rise continues." Commercial-Gazette special reports that the Ohio river has exceeded two inches at Marietta, but the city is in darkness. The river works being flooded. The water is within two feet of the great rise of 1880. The loss in the city is very great, merchants not having time to save goods. Mrs. Groves was found drowned in her house this evening. The way connection is cut off. The loss in the township to farm property is estimated at \$50,000.

The river is still rising with some ice running. No further damage to boats or barges is reported.

At Pomeroy, Ohio, the flood is the greatest since 1847, and promises to exceed that one before morning. Three hundred buildings have from one to fifteen feet of water in them. The damage to dwellings and houses here is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The salt furnaces and iron works are badly damaged. No trains have run since Tuesday night. The only means of communication in the city is by rail. The river is rising one inch and a half per hour. At Ironton, Ohio, it is fifty-five feet, and is still rising. The lower part of the city is flooded and all activities are stopped. At Portsmouth, Ohio, the river is rising three inches an hour. The waterworks and nearly all factories are stopped. A hundred families are driven from their houses. The railways north and east are under water. At Fremont, Ohio, \$2,000 have been collected for relief of flood sufferers. It will be several days before dwellings can be occupied. An Akron, Ohio, special to the Commercial Gazette says: "Fire today damaged the Excelsior Coal company's works near Doylestown. Loss, \$25,000."

THE WORST FLOOD SINCE 1850.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 8.—There is in this city the highest flood known since 1850. At 9 a. m. the river was forty-four feet above low water. The houses on the Ohio river side to Ann street are inundated, also on the Kanawha side to Court street. Three hundred persons are homeless. Every mill in the city is under water. The pulp mill holds only by frail boom. The loss is fully \$100,000. No lives are lost. The Kanawha river is rushing at a tremendous rate. Unless the back waters can check it, it will carry away the iron bridge. The water is within one foot of the furnace fire of the postoffice.

THE ICE GORGE AT PORT DEPOSIT.

PORT DEPOSIT, Md., Feb. 8.—There were several movements of the ice gorge last night and this morning, each accompanied by a rise and subsequent fall of water. The water is about one foot higher than yesterday, and the gorge is stationary. The old ice below Mount Ararat remains unbroken, and ice is still coming down from above and lodging at the head of the gorge passing under it. No damage has yet occurred, but the water now covers J. A. Davis & Sons' wharf, and a very slight further rise will put it among the lumber piles. A very heavy gale has formed at McCall's ferry, twenty miles above, and extends back several miles. It is feared this will break and flood this town out. The river has fallen two feet at Harrisburg this morning. At Columbus it is on a stand. At Safe harbor and McCall's ferry it is rising, owing to the gorge below. Between McCall's ferry and this place the river is running ice from shore to shore.

The river has receded about eighteen inches since 5 o'clock p. m. The gorge ice has worn away rapidly and only extends now to a point about half way between Port Deposit and back run, and presents a much less formidable appearance than it did this morning. At Havre de Grace the ice between the bridge and the locks of the tide water canal has gone out, and the water has been unbroken about Watson's island is of such a porous nature it is not thought it would resist the pressure of even a slight rise from above, but would go quietly out and leave this town in peace once more. Reports from all points above are favorable. There is very little ice in the river between Port Deposit and McCall's ferry; at the neck just north of McCall's the gorge still extends back several miles, but it is of a soft, slushy nature, and channels are already being worn through it by the water. There has been no damage done anywhere, and no rise is reported at any point to-night.

SCENES AROUND WHEELING.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 8.—The river here again reached thirty-seven and a half feet, about the highest point reached on Tuesday, and only two feet more are expected. It is now rising about two inches per hour. Exaggerated reports reached this city last night of the coming flood, and created a panic, the residents on the low grounds moving out of the lower stories. The bridge connecting this city with the Crescent mills over Wheeling creek parted in the night. The creek was much in the Ohio and Cumberland rivers. Its banks were washed away, but no one was hurt. Railway bridges were weighted down with heavy trains, thus keeping them from being washed away. At Bellairs, Ohio, opposite this city, the Baltimore and Ohio, and Columbus railway trains cannot reach the city by a distance of two miles, and freight and passengers are transferred by steamboats. The water has entered the cellars of business houses several squares from the river, and the streets are full of merchandise. The water is six miles up the river, are submerged, a family living on one of them barely escaping with their lives by means of a skiff. Many residents of the islands are stuck in the water, which is frozen over in still places, preventing escape by skiffs. Many factories have shut down on account of the overflow. The water works at Bellairs are stopped, and the gas works are threatened.

FROM THE SIGNAL OFFICE.

The signal office reports that the floods have increased in the Ohio and Cumberland rivers. The river at Pittsburgh reached its maximum Thursday morning and has fallen 2 feet 7 inches, but continues above the danger line. The river has risen at Cincinnati, where it is 6 feet 5 inches and still rising. The level is 3 inches above the danger line. It is 35 feet 9 inches at Louisville, or 2 feet 9 inches above the danger line. The river at Nashville is 33 feet 1 inch on the gauge, a rise of 5 feet 7 inches during the past twenty-four hours.

A Chief Clerk Missing—He is Short.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—Thad P. Butler, the chief clerk of the water department of the city of Camden, has been missing since the twenty-fifth of January, when he left for Trenton, N. J., to attend the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and since then has not been seen. The water committee recently called in the services of the auditor, when it was found that Mr. Butler had not entered several amounts of which receipts had been on the sworn books. This morning the auditor was busy at work auditing the books, and to his surprise discovered a shortage of some \$3,000. Butler's account had been audited up to the first of January and found correct, and the amount of money missing is the collections of the delinquent rents only. There were \$250 in cash and \$240 in checks found in the safe.

At a special meeting of council to-night to take action in reference to the absence of Thaddeus P. Butler, clerk of the water department, the chairman of the water committee reported that an examination of the books of the water department developed a deficiency of \$654, and that Butler's bondsmen had made the deficiency good. The office was declared vacant and a new clerk was appointed.

What a Hotel Thief Had in His Possession.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The police have in custody an expert hotel thief, who has been committing a series of depredations for the past two weeks. He gives the name of William Slade, and is believed to be the man who robbed the hotel of J. H. Fleming, a New York drummer, at the Palmer house a few days ago, and who, when detected, frightened away three hotel porters with a revolver and escaped. In his room, on the west side, were found 150 shares of stock in the Denver Circle railway, the property of Mr. Marshall Jewell, and Thomas M. Nichol, a politician, and a promissory note made by the latter for \$1,500 in favor of Speaker Keifer, of Ohio, which had been stolen from Marshall Jewell's western agent, the property of Mr. Nichol. In addition were found some valuable jewelry, and two one thousand-mile railway tickets, belonging to A. L. Thalman. The police are unable to identify the man in their list of "crooks."

Store Manufacturers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The National Store Manufacturers' association in session here today elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Whitehead, of Chicago; treasurer, Uriah Hill, of Poughkeepsie; secretary, W. S. Ward, of Albany, and vice president, J. H. Meyers, of Cleveland, and George S. Ward, Jr., of Albany. The meeting was largely attended.

A Defuncting Teller Pleads Guilty.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Oby E. Owen, the defuncting teller of the Third National bank of this city, was arraigned in the United States court to-day, and pleaded guilty. The counsel read a statement, in which Owen confessed that he had gradually become involved in grain and cotton speculations which ultimately caused his ruin. Sentence was deferred for two weeks.

Across Cape Cod.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Two different companies have applied for charters to build a ship canal across Cape Cod. In view of the failure of the last attempt, it is significant that the present applicants are ready to deposit as a guarantee of good faith a sum of from \$100,000 to \$200,000 before commencing operations.

How He Was Exported to Dublin.

DUBLIN, Feb. 8.—Earl Spencer, the lord lieutenant, has arrived in Dublin from London. He was escorted from the railway station by a troop of hussars and was followed by cars laden with detectives.

A Request to Congress.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Union League club to-night passed resolutions requesting congress to pass a tariff bill for the protection of home industry and favoring the suspension of silver coinage.

Population of Providence.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 8.—A census of this city was completed to-day. The population is 116,765. Gain since the census of 1880, 11,898.

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS.

—Levi Smith was crushed under the cars at Kingston, Ga., yesterday and killed.

—The Delaware house has indefinitely postponed the bill to abolish the \$25 tax on non-resident commercial drummers.

—The New York senate has passed the bill to enforce the running of frequent night trains on the elevated railways of New York.

—James Connors was convicted of murder in New York R. J. yesterday morning, with a plea for the training ship and transportation. He will proceed to Boston.

—It is stated that 150 bodies were stolen from graveyards in the vicinity of Montreal during the winter, one-half of which were sent to assist soldiers in the United States.

—In the Kings County (N. Y.) supreme court at New York R. J. yesterday morning, for \$2,500 against the Erie railway company for damages received in a collision, between one of the company's annex ferry boats and a schooner.

A GHASTLY SPECTACLE.

Insane Jealousy Causes an Awful Murder and Suicide in St. Louis.

An Infant Found Weltering in Its Mother's Blood—Terrible Stricken Children.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—A most horrible discovery was made in a tenement house this morning. It was found that Henry Drees, a German teamster, had cut his wife's throat with a razor and then his own. The two corpses were discovered in the middle of the three rooms which the family occupied. The body of the wife lay on the bed, the covering of which was soaked with blood. The man's body was on the floor. Five little children slept in the rooms; one in the bed with the couple. One of the children got up, took the baby out of the bloody bed in which its mother lay, and changed its dress and then went to sleep. The cause of the tragedy is supposed to have been jealousy.

Drees and his family lived in the rear of No. 2300 Mulanphy street. He was a hard-working man and had accumulated \$8,000 in savings. He treated his wife continually and on one occasion she left him. She was a good woman and gave her husband no cause for his insane jealousy. Last night the couple retired at about 10 o'clock, with the two little girls in bed, the two boys in another, and the baby of two years in the same bed with themselves. Louis, the eleven year old son, was the only witness of the tragedy. The noise aroused him and he saw his father cutting his mother with the razor. Then he saw his father spring into the air and fall down near the stove. The boy then got up and lifted the baby, Mina, who was lying in the bed with her mother's corpse, her night clothes soaked with her blood, and still clinging to her. He carried the baby's clothes, and both went to sleep again. This morning when the children awoke the floor and bed were covered with blood. Louis tried to find the key with which his father had locked the door last night, but could not, and it was not until nearly 9 o'clock when Otto Farenhorst, a boy of 10 years, came up, and called to Louis to go to school with him that the condition of affairs was discovered. Otto's mother, who lived in the lower part of the house, opened the door, and a most ghastly and bloody scene was revealed. Drees had cut his wife's throat while she was asleep and there was no struggle. The heads of both were never severed from their bodies.

West Indian Items.

HAVANA, Feb. 8.—The French mail steamer from St. Thomas brings the following advices:

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 8.—The United States coast survey steamer G. S. Blake arrived here on the twenty-ninth ultimo from Nassau.

The United States steamship Tennessee arrived on the twenty-first ultimo from Saint Kitts. The officer and crew of the Tennessee gave an entertainment in the Apollo theater in aid of the St. Thomas Ladies' Benevolent association.

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lent measures embraced in the proposed law. It would be a step on a dangerous path and one contrary to the ideas on which the republic was founded. The rumors, the report of conflicts or of a dissolution do not disturb the committee, which is steadily republican. Urgency was voted for the debate on the meeting, which, much excitement exists in parliamentary circles.

The members of the right in the senate have resolved to abstain from the discussion on the expulsion bill. The left propose to introduce a certain bill, and stated that if the bill be summarily rejected, the government will expel Prince Jerome and retire the military princes.

LEAGUE ISLAND NAVY YARD.

The Inspecting Commission—Opposition to Its Close—The Coming Report on the Subject.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 8.—Com. Lucas's naval commission met at noon to-day in common council chamber, with the council's committee on commerce and navigation and citizens interested in the commercial and maritime affairs of the city, to discuss the proposition of the government to abandon League Island as a naval station. One feature which the meeting was called to discuss was the title to League Island in the event of its abandonment. It was contended that as the property was conveyed to the United States by treaty in 1803 "for naval and national purposes," it should revert to the city the moment the government relinquishes it for the purpose specified in the treaty.

Com. Lucas, for the information of the assembly, read the act creating the naval commission, and stated that it was not necessary at this time for those present to go into a thorough expression of views. The object of the meeting, he said, was to obtain the views of the citizens as to the advisability of the government retaining or abandoning it. There was a strong diversity of opinion in the committee had visited.

Philadelphia is a city in which the navy yard should be abandoned, as it is considered demoralizing to the commerce and mechanics of that port, and because the site upon which it stands could be more profitably employed. Elsewhere cities adjacent to navy yards want the stations retained, and between these two views there are a great variety of opinions of more or less importance. The commissioners, therefore, thought they had good reason for believing that a difference of opinion might exist